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Ex parte JACK H. LINN, ROBERT K. LOWRY,  
GEORGE V. ROUSE and JAMES F. BULLER  
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Application 09/316,580  
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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER  
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This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on July 1, 2002. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

It is apparent from the review of the record that the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed November 22, 1999 (Paper No. 5) has not been properly considered by the examiner.

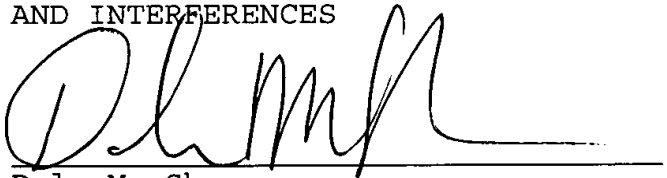
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Accordingly, it is

**ORDERED** that the application be returned to the examiner for consideration of this IDS and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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